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Prelude

Welcome

To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;
To all who fail and desire strength;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;
And to whoever will come-

This Church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship

Psalm 46:1-7, 10

Minister: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"

Let us worship and exalt our God together!

Hymn of Praise

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our helper he amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and pow'r are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right man on our side
The man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be
Christ Jesus it is he
Lord Sabaoth his name
From age to age the same
And he must win the battle

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And tho' this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us
The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

That word above all earthly pow'rs
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Thro' him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be
World without end
Amen Amen

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

Minister: Christians, what do we believe?

All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, geographical, or language barriers.*

Immortal, Invisible

Immortal invisible God only wise
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes
Most blessed most glorious
The Ancient of Days
Almighty victorious thy great name we praise

Unresting unhasting and silent as light
Nor wanting nor wasting thou rulest in might
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains
Of goodness and love

To all life thou givest to both great and small
In all life thou livest the true life of all
Thy wisdom so boundless thy mercy so free
Eternal thy goodness for
Naught changeth thee

Great Father of glory pure Father of light
Thine angels adore thee all veiling their sight
All praise we would render O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee

Call to Confession

Exodus 20:14

Westminster Larger Catechism Q/A 137-138;

Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 109

Minister: What is the seventh commandment?

People: The seventh commandment is: You shall not commit adultery.

Minister: What does the seventh commandment require?

People: The seventh commandment requires us to be sexually pure in body, mind, inclinations, words, and actions, and to maintain that purity in ourselves and others. We are to monitor what we look at as well as what we experience with our other senses; and we are to live temperately, keeping pure company and dressing modestly. Those who cannot control their sexual desires should marry, loving and living together with their spouses. We should also work hard at whatever we are called to do, avoiding all opportunities for indecency, and resisting any temptation to say, think, or do anything indecent or obscene.

Minister: Does God, in this commandment, forbid only such scandalous sins as adultery?

People: We are temples of the Holy Spirit, body and soul, and God wants both to be kept clean and holy. That is why he forbids everything which incites unchastity, whether it be actions, looks, talk, thoughts, or desires.

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together

Most merciful Father, we have sinned against you and are guilty before you. Forgive us the sins of our tongues:

All: For deception and untruthfulness in our dealings with others; for resentment, impatience, and tempers out of control.

Minister: Forgive us for the sins of our eyes:

All: For impurity in our glances and imagination, for pining after more beauty, comfort, status, and wealth than you have already given us.

Minister: Forgive us the sins of our hearts:

All: For hard-heartedness toward you and our neighbors; for pride, self-absorption, self-pity and, above all, for rebelling against your Lordship and doubting your love. Holy Father, kill our envy, remove our pride, and melt our hearts. Give grace to be holy, kind, gentle, and pure, to live for you and not for ourselves, being transformed into your likeness.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Isaiah 1:18

Minister: Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Lord Almighty Reigns

There's an endless song
Waiting to be sung
With the voice of every tribe
The sound of every tongue

When the bride of Christ
On that day of days
Brings with joy unto the Lamb
A multitude of praise

Like the roar of mighty seas
And rolls of thunder
Hear his people sing

Chorus

*Hallelujah hallelujah
For the Lord Almighty reigns
Hallelujah hallelujah
For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns*

We will join the feast
Rest from battles won
Tell with great rejoicing
All the wonders God has done

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And like the roar of mighty seas
And rolls of thunder
All the church will sing

Chorus
Hallelujah hallelujah
For the Lord Almighty reigns
Hallelujah hallelujah
For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns

Certain of that day
Christ we will proclaim
Oh that more would share the prize
Salvation in his name

Then greater will the anthem ring
A mighty chorus rising to the King

Chorus 2x

Elder Prayer

Tithes And Offerings

Musical Offering

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen

Prayer Of Dedication

Sermon

“Healing and Forgiveness Part 1”

Luke 5:12-16

Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save
‘Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

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There in the ground his body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am his and he is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand
'Til he returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand
'Til he returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

Benediction

Postlude

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